Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" I want the Government to inquire whether there was any communication received in the office of the Commissioner of Police from the Judge who tried the case."

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" I refuse to believe that any Judge of the High Court sent a private communication to the Commissioner of Police on such a topic. The Government would be astounded to know if a Judge of the High Court had issued a certificate adverting to the action of the police."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" Is it not usual that the head of the department might appreciate something in the subordinates without consulting the Government, and should he not consult the Government whenever he wants to appreciate his subordinates ? "

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—" Not at all."

Government Press.

Appointments in the Government Press.

* 10 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many were employed castewar in the Linotype branch and in the Confidential branch of the headquarter Government Press of Madras since 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924 ;

(*b*) how many applications were received castewar for appointments in the various branches of the Government Press of Madras during the past two years, i.e., 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924 ; and

(*c*) how many of them were appointed castewar since 24th November 1922 to 24th November 1924 ?

A.—It would take considerable time and trouble to collect the information asked for, and the Government do not think that it would serve any useful purpose.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" With reference to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of the question, I want to know whether it is not possible for the Government to find out at least how many applications were received from the members of the depressed classes and how many people were appointed since 1922 up to November 1924 "

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" If my hon. Friend will give me some idea as to what useful purpose will be served by obtaining the information he asks for, I will see what can be done to meet his desire."

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—" It is for the purpose of making sure whether the depressed classes are being encouraged. With that view I put the question."

Finance.

Effect of the proposals of the Lee Commission on the Madras Government.

* 11 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state the approximate effect on the Madras Government finances of the decision of His Majesty's Government on the Lee Commission's report for the years 1924–25, 1925–26 and 1926–27 ?

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A.—The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer given at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on the 20th August 1924 to clause (3) of question No. 272.

The additional cost in 1924–25 is not now expected to exceed nine lakhs of rupees. No estimate with regard to the cost in 1925–26 and 1926–27 has yet been made.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA :—" I want to ask whether that money of Rs. 9 lakhs has been found, and, if so, how. "

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" The money has to be found (laughter)."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Is it likely that the amount will exceed Rs. 9 lakhs in 1925–26 and 1926–27, and, if so, by how much ?"

The hon. Mr. R. A. GRAHAM :—" I cannot say what it will be in 1925–26. It will depend upon how much is paid in 1924–25. It is possible there may be arrears to be paid."

Collectorates.

Non-Brahman clerks, Madura.

*12 *Q.*—Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Collector of Madura is ousting non-Brahman permanent clerks who have passed Secondary School-Leaving Certificate Examination to give room for applicants who have passed higher examinations ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that he has called for a list of graduates entertained by the Divisional Officers under him ; and

(*c*) the number of Brahman and non-Brahman clerks in the Collector's office at Madura ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) As a permanent clerk cannot be deprived of his appointment for the reason stated, the Government have no reason to suppose that the Collector has taken action as suggested.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the Revenue Establishment list of the Madura district available in the Council Library.

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" With reference to the answer to clauses (*a*) and (*b*), where it is stated that a permanent clerk cannot be deprived of his appointment, may I know whether there is any physical impossibility involved ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I am afraid I am not a doctor (laughter)."

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" Where is the difficulty ? There is an allegation made in the question. Will the Government inquire ?"

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, if the hon. Member will give me instances where such a thing has occurred. "

Mr. A. CHIDAMBARA NADAR :—" It is not quite possible now to give any specific case. It is stated, so far as information goes, that the Collector is doing such a thing. Will the Government be pleased to make the necessary inquiries ?"